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31. (currently amended) A window covering for exterior use, comprising:
- a. a first plane of material having a perimeter dimension;
 - b. a second plane of material having substantially a same perimeter dimension as said first plane of material;
 - c. a core comprising polycarbonate, said core having substantially a same perimeter dimension as said first plane of material, wherein said core comprising polycarbonate is positioned between said first plane of material and said second plane of material, wherein said first plane of

material, said second plane of material and said core comprising polycarbonate form a sandwich material;

- d. at least one stile comprising a first side and a second side, wherein said first side of said stile is generally parallel to said second side of said stile, and wherein said first side of said stile contacts said first plane of material along an edge of said first plane of material and said second side of said stile contacts said second plane of material along an edge of said second plane of material, wherein said at least one stile holds said first plane of material, said second plane of material and said core in position to form said sandwich material; and

at least one hinge which is attached to said stile, wherein said edge of said first plane of material is of reduced dimension from an adjacent portion of an exterior surface of said first plane of material, and wherein said first side of said at least one stile is generally flush with said adjacent portion of said exterior surface of said first plane of material.

32. (currently amended) A window covering, comprising:

- a. a first plane of material;
- b. a second plane of material;
- c. a center core comprising polycarbonate, wherein said center core comprising polycarbonate is positioned between said first plane of material and said second plane of material, and

- d. at least one stile that is positioned over an exterior portion of said first plane of material and said at least one stile is positioned over an exterior portion of said second plane of material, wherein said at least one stile holds said first plane of material, said second plane of material and said core in position to form a sandwich;

wherein an edge of said exterior portion of said first plane of material is of reduced dimension from an adjacent portion of said exterior portion of said first plane of material, and wherein said at least one stile that is positioned over said exterior portion is generally flush with said adjacent portion of said exterior portion of said first plane of material.

- 33. (currently amended) A window covering for exterior use, comprising an exterior shutter, wherein said exterior shutter comprises;

- a. a first plane of material having a perimeter dimensions;
- b. a second plane of material having substantially a same perimeter dimension as said first plane of material;
- c. a third plane of material having substantially a same perimeter dimension as said first plane of material, wherein said third plane of material is positioned between said first plane of material and said second plane of material, and wherein said first plane of material, said second plane of material and said third plane of material are joined together by an adhesive to form a sandwich material;

- d. a first generally vertical stile that holds said first plane of material, said second plane of material and said third plane of material together, wherein a first side of said first generally vertical stile contacts said first plane of material along an edge of said first plane of material and wherein a second side of said first generally vertical stile contacts said second plane of material along an edge of said second plane of material, and a third side of said first generally vertical stile wraps around an edge of said sandwich material and connects said first side of said first generally vertical stile to said second side of said first generally vertical stile; and
- e. a second generally vertical stile that is opposite said first generally vertical stile and holds said first plane of material, said second plane of material and said third plane of material together, wherein a first side of said second generally vertical stile contacts said first plane of material along an edge of said first plane of material and wherein a second side of said second generally vertical stile contacts said second plane of material along an edge of said second plane of material, and a third side of said second generally vertical stile wraps around an edge of said sandwich material and connects said first side of said second generally vertical stile to said second side of said second generally vertical stile;

wherein said exterior shutter is positioned over a window that comprises glass.

34. (previously presented) A window covering for exterior use as described in Claim 33, wherein said third plane of material comprises a thermoplastic.
35. (previously presented) A window covering for exterior use as described in Claim 34, wherein said thermoplastic material is polycarbonate.
36. (previously presented) A window covering for exterior use as described in Claim 33, wherein said first generally vertical stile and said second generally vertical stile have substantially the same length as said edge of said first plane of material.
37. (previously presented) A window covering for exterior use as described in Claim 33, wherein said first plane of material comprises polyvinyl chloride.
38. (previously presented) A window covering for exterior use as described in Claim 37, wherein said second plane of material comprises polyvinyl chloride.
39. (previously presented) A window covering for exterior use as described in Claim 33, wherein said first plane of material is not of uniform thickness.

40. (currently amended) A window covering for exterior use, comprising:
- a. a first plane of material comprising polyvinyl chloride and having a perimeter dimension, wherein said first plane comprising polyvinyl chloride is not of uniform thickness;
 - b. a second plane of material comprising polyvinyl chloride and having substantially a same perimeter dimension as said first plane of material comprising polyvinyl chloride;
 - c. a core comprising polycarbonate, said core having substantially a same perimeter dimension as said first plane of material comprising polyvinyl chloride, wherein said core comprising polycarbonate is positioned between said first plane of material comprising polyvinyl chloride and said second plane of material comprising polyvinyl chloride, wherein said first plane of material comprising polyvinyl chloride, said second plane of material comprising polyvinyl chloride and said core comprising polycarbonate form a sandwich material, wherein said first plane of material has at least one void therein, and a portion of said core is exposed through said void;
 - d. at least one stile comprising a first side and a second side, wherein said first side of said stile is generally parallel to said second side of said stile, and wherein said first side of said stile contacts said first plane of material comprising polyvinyl chloride along an edge of said first plane of material comprising polyvinyl chloride and said second side of said stile contacts

- said second plane of material comprising polyvinyl chloride along an edge
- of said second plane of material comprising polyvinyl chloride;
- e. at least one hinge which is attached to said at least one stile.

41. (currently amended) A window covering for exterior use, comprising;

- a. a first plane of material having a perimeter dimension, and not having a uniform thickness;
- b. a second plane of material having substantially a same perimeter dimension as said first plane of material;
- c. a core comprising polycarbonate, said core having substantially a same perimeter dimension as said first plane of material, wherein said core comprising polycarbonate is positioned between said first plane of material and said second plane of material, wherein said first plane of material, said second plane of material and said core comprising polycarbonate form a sandwich material, wherein said first plane of material has at least one void therein, and a portion of said core is exposed through said void;
- d. at least one stile comprising a first side and a second side, wherein said first side of said stile is generally parallel to said second side of said stile, and wherein said first side of said stile contacts said first plane of material along an edge of said first plane of material and said second side of said stile contacts said second plane of material along an edge of said second plane of material, wherein said at least one stile holds

said first plane of material, said second plane of material and said core
in position to form said sandwich material; and

e. at least one hinge which is attached to said at least one stile;

42. (new) A window covering for exterior use as described in Claim 33, wherein said shutter comprises at least one hinge which is attached to said at least one stile, and wherein said shutter rotated by said hinge to position said shutter over said window comprising glass.